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With Nebraska and Oregon, two more States join the Clark procession which goes marching on to Baltimore.

Governor Folk is to go to Tennessee, his native State, to make speeches for Champ Clark. Good for Folk, he's a Missourian and a Democrat of the right sort.

The Colonel has carried Illinois, Pennsylvania, Oregon and Nebraska, but the Taft managers say that the President is still ahead and there ain't agoin' to be no third term.

Champ Clark carried Nebraska and William J. Bryan was elected one of the delegates at large from that State to the Baltimore Convention. Mr. Bryan will carry out the instructions of the Democrats of his State for Mr. Clark. He has said he would, and that means much.

Congressman Rucker started a storm of cheering and applause in the House last Saturday by declaring that Champ Clark "will be the next Democratic nominee and is destined to be the next President of the United States." It is said the Speaker could hardly quell the enthusiasm which the statement aroused.

Mr. James A. Houchin, the Jefferson City candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, is said to have a ragtime quartet accompanying him on his campaign tour. That ought to draw the crowds, but if Mr. Houchin could wield the bow and duplicate the campaign methods of the late "Fiddling Bob" Taylor of Tennessee, he might add to the general entertainment with variations on the "houn' dawg" song and win the sobriquet of "Fiddling Jim."

The campaign to carry Texas for Champ Clark is now on and encouraging reports are received from that State. The active work of Missourians in Illinois carried that State for him by over 100,000. The same thing can be done in Texas. Write letters to your relatives and friends and urge them to work for Clark. County conventions will be held there from time to time until the State Convention meets on May 26th. Don't delay.

Champ Clark has no special interests to draw on to pay campaign expenses, but the people are responding to the St. Louis Republic's appeal for donations to help pay his campaign expenses. Already more than \$6,000 has been sent in. This is helping to bear the expenses of Clark organizers in Texas, Tennessee and other States, and money for this purpose will be needed until the contest for delegates closes. Have you sent in a contribution? If not do so at once, or bring it to The Times and we will send it forward.

The heroism and chivalry displayed by so many of the victims of the Titanic, in the face of certain death, is an earnest of the noble characteristics to be found in human nature, which neither the corroding influences of wealth, luxurious living and pleasure seeking, nor the drudgery of toil, can wholly eliminate. Among them were men who counted their wealth by millions, men of letters and art and prominence in the world, and there were humble engineers, firemen and stokers in the hold, whose names will never be known, who stood at their posts of duty. All honor to those brave, strong hearts, one and all, who gave up their lives that others might be saved. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend."

SURELY this has been a month of calamities that cause humanity to shudder and realize its impotency in the presence of the stupendous forces of nature.

The pent-up frozen waters of the north and snow-capped western mountains, loosed by the genial warmth and rains of spring, have swept down the beautiful and fruitful Mississippi Valley in volumes exceeding the highest calculations of experienced engineers who have builded levees to protect this fertile region from inundation. But the on-rushing floods sweep over these safe-guarded of man and tear them away, until miles and miles of the most productive land in the world are flooded as waters cover the sea, homes are inundated or carried away, and 80,000 or more men, women and children are left stranded, destitute and homeless, and their cries for help appeal to the better part of our nature.

Out on the Atlantic the great steamship Titanic, into which man's ingenuity had wrought its highest knowledge of the science of navigation and imagined that in this splendid palace of steel the acme of strength, resistance and buoyancy, of safety, comfort and even luxury, had been achieved, crashes into a floating iceberg on its initial voyage with more than two thousand souls on board, is crushed like the shell of an egg and goes down with an appalling sacrifice of fifteen hundred human beings. And the land is filled with a wail of mourning in the palace and humbler home that refuses to be comforted for the loved ones that are gone.

Here in our own midst the Storm King gathered in his night and let loose his fierce winds which swept and howled over a large portion of our fair county, carrying death and havoc in their path. Four lives were sacrificed and untold wealth, the accumulation of years of toil and patience and saving, was carried away on its destructive wing. And yet there is a grateful feeling that more lives were not taken, that some escaped as if by a miracle, and that those who lost heaviest in material things are alive with their loved ones about them, while hope and courage to meet their losses abide.

THE National House of Representatives passed a new publicity measure last Saturday, requiring the publication before conventions and primary elections of the sums contributed to the campaigns of presidential and vice presidential candidates. It carries with it a penalty of \$5,000 or three years imprisonment for failure of candidates or managers to meet its terms. Congressman Henry of Texas, the author of the bill, read statements of the Taft National Bureau that large sums of money had been spent in Col. Roosevelt's campaign, and asked, "Are Mr. McKinley's charges true? If they are true," said Mr. Henry, "the American people ought to know it, and if the charges of Mr. Roosevelt's managers are true that large sums have been used in Mr. Taft's campaign, then the American people ought to know that."

And the people also ought to know who contributes the money to carry on these expensive campaigns, what particular interests are backing the several candidates. To know who furnishes the money is to know what influences are behind the candidates—whether that of the people or the tariff favored interests, Wall street manipulators and the big banking institutions with their currency reform schemes. We hear of no popular subscription funds to carry on the strenuous and bitter fight between the Taft and Roosevelt forces of the

Republican party, and it is not reasonable to infer that the principals in the contest are putting up the money. Who is furnishing it?

No such profligate expenditures are being made by the managers of the Democratic aspirants for the presidential nomination as the Taft and Roosevelt managers charge against each other, and the very fact that they make such charges is an intimation that the money comes from reprehensible sources. In contrast with this is the campaign which Speaker Clark's friends are making in his behalf. Their appeal is directly to the people as a people's candidate for the money to defray the legitimate and necessary expenses of an open and honest contest. They have nothing to fear from publicity—the more publicity the better—and Mr. Clark's popularity and prospects for the nomination are growing every day.

The State Republican Convention to elect the delegates at large to the Chicago Convention is being held in St. Louis to-day, and it is safe to say that the same sort of harmony prevails that has marked the bitter and rabid fight of the Taft and Roosevelt factions elsewhere. Both sides are claiming the State and accusing each other of all sorts of fraud and disreputable practices. The Taft men claim 494% uncontested votes, conceding 440% to Roosevelt with 224 contesting delegates. The Roosevelt men on the other hand claim 664% uncontested delegates, allowing Taft 428%, with twelve uninstructed and 51 contested. The contests came up before the State Committee yesterday afternoon and the committee decided against the Roosevelt delegates by a vote of 17 to 14, giving the Taft men control of the temporary organization.

Mr. Thos. G. Mitchell of Bonne Terre has been prevailed upon to announce himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Justice of the County Court in the First district. Mr. Mitchell is a man of rare excellence of character, of ripe years and experience and one of the most popular and best known business men of Bonne Terre. He is a son of Judge J. Q. Mitchell and was born and reared in this county, all his interests and ties are here, and he has a deep concern in everything pertaining to the county and its affairs. With his experience and success in business, his recognized public spiritedness and long citizenship, he would exercise rare good judgment and ability in conducting the business of the county and looking after its interests from the bench. He is a life-long Democrat, and although an active party worker has never before aspired to office, but since he has been persuaded to make the race, he would appreciate most highly the support of all Democrats. If nominated he would make a strong man on the ticket and be one of its most effective workers.

Dr. J. H. English announces himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for re-election as County Coroner. Dr. English has served the county in this capacity for several years and has made a most efficient, careful and conscientious Coroner. He is a physician of well established reputation and is held in high esteem by his brethren of the profession and by all our people, both as a citizen and physician. The Democrats could not do better than to nominate him and we are satisfied the people would endorse his nomination at the general election by their votes.

Mr. T. W. Martin of Flat River, formerly of Liberty township, announces this week as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Assessor. Mr. Martin is well known throughout the county as one of our best citizens, a man of upright character in every respect. He received the Democratic nomination for Assessor four years ago, but went down with the balance of the ticket, and would like for his Democratic friends to give him another opportunity. If nominated and elected he would discharge the duties of the office with fidelity and impartiality and do his best to make a fair and equitable assessment. He will highly appreciate anything the Democrats of the county may do for him in his candidacy.

G. F. Yount of Patton has made 100 pounds of maple sugar and 125 gallons of syrup from his own maple trees this year, and has found a ready sale for all he had to spare.

HENSLEY LAUDS CLARK

AT BALTIMORE LUNCHEON.
Hon. Walter L. Hensley was a guest and one of the speakers at a buffet luncheon given by the Eleventh Ward Democrats of Baltimore recently at their club rooms. Mr. Hensley's address is reported by the Baltimore Star as follows:

"I am glad to see that Baltimore Democrats are urging their highly esteemed Mayor, who is known all over the country, for the vice presidency. I would be glad to see his name linked with that of our next president, Champ Clark, on our ballot."

"All these years, from '96 on, when the Democracy went down before the mighty armies marshaled under the Republican banner, Champ Clark was always found along the firing line both in season and out of season. Never did he sulk in his tent, cease his fighting, yet thousands of Republicans in his district vote for him because they love and revere him. They believe in his honesty and fidelity to every trust reposed in him."

"Champ Clark had something to do with bringing about the victory in the last campaign. He blazed the way and made it possible for us to elect a Democratic president in 1912. The people of Missouri are fortunate in that she presents a man of his rugged worth, who possesses nothing beyond the record that he has made, for I say to you, gentlemen, here on this occasion that \$15,000 will cover every dollar Mr. Clark possesses in the world. Is not that proof sufficient of his integrity and fidelity?"

"And I want to say further that should he be defeated for the nomination his clarion voice will be heard above every other, appealing to the voters of the country to stand by the principles of Jefferson and vote for the nominee of that convention, but if victorious, Champ Clark, whose name is a household word throughout this land, will sweep this country from ocean to ocean and from the lakes to the gulf, and be elected to the presidency by the greatest vote ever registered for any president, and then, as president, the plain, everyday citizen will have a friend in whom he may go if his cause be just, a man in whom all can trust—an Andrew Jackson in the White House again."

HOUSING AND CARING FOR FLOOD VICTIMS A PROBLEM.

A trip up and down the river, says a report from Caruthersville, Mo., reveals an appalling view of the devastation wrought by the flood. As far as can be seen from the river, hardly a farm house remains standing, fences have been swept away and several small river towns have disappeared entirely.

On Island Eighteen there is a great drift of houses, store buildings, fences, dead stock and all kinds of wreckage. There are more than 1,000 refugees in Caruthersville from the lowlands of Tennessee and Arkansas, who are living from the Government commissary. Where these people will find homes when charity is withdrawn is an unanswerable question. The National Red Cross Society has an office and representative here trying to ameliorate this condition. A complete census report is being taken and aid will be extended to deserving ones as far as possible.

Headquarters for the territory between Osceola, Ark., and Cairo, Ill., will be established at Caruthersville in charge of Col. Oliver of the Sixth Missouri regiment, who, with Company I, this city, will scout the lowlands as fast as the water recedes, giving such governmental aid as seems necessary. A large amount of supplies, provisions and clothing has been stored here for the benefit of the needy.

The Missouri Red Cross Society has raised about \$10,000 for aiding the flood victims.

Surely Will.

Without doubt Congress will freely grant the money asked by representatives of St. Louis and the Mississippi Valley for the repair of the breaks in Government levees caused by the late floods. The sun is rising higher every day. A few short weeks will bring the annual June flood upon us from the hills and mountains of the north and northwest. A second flood would utterly crush hope in the breasts of the farmers who are going back to their drowned homesteads and taking stock of their losses. If the levees are repaired at once a cotton crop may yet be made this year. True, there will be no chance for replanting, but seed put into the ground before July 1 will mature in an ordinary season. If there was ever a season when the valley needed a crop it needs one now.—Republic.

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M. A. PATTERSON authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the Democratic primary.

For Assessor.

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LAURENCE O. WELLS authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Assessor, subject to the Democratic primary.

EVERETT PRATTE authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Assessor, subject to the Democratic primary.

T. W. MARTIN authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Assessor, subject to the Democratic primary.

For Prosecuting Attorney.

F. A. BENHAM authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney, subject to the Democratic primary.

JERRY B. BUCKS authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney, subject to the Democratic primary.

For Treasurer.

CLARENCE L. ALEXANDER authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic primary.

For County Judge—First Dist.

J. W. JONES authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Justice of the County Court in the First district, subject to the Democratic primary.

THOMAS G. MITCHELL authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Justice of the County Court in the First district, subject to the Democratic primary.

Judge County Court—Second Dist.
M. T. MOORE authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Justice of the County Court in the Second district, subject to the Democratic primary.

GEORGE R. JORDAN authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Justice of the County Court in the Second district, subject to the Democratic primary.

For County Coroner.

DR. J. H. ENGLISH authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Coroner, subject to the Democratic primary.

For Constable.

N. A. BUCHANAN authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Constable of St. Francis township, subject to the Democratic primary.

Tornado Kills 77 in Illinois and Indiana.

A destructive tornado swept parts of Illinois and Indiana last Sunday, and left 77 dead along its ruthless path. In Alabama 21 more were killed by a tornado the same day. The loss to towns and farms in property is immeasurable.

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